

REMARKS

Request for Extension of Time

Applicants, through their undersigned attorney, respectfully request a five -month extension of time for responding to the Communication mailed 12 August 2003 in the above-identified patent application. The time for response is thus extended up to and including 12 February 2004.

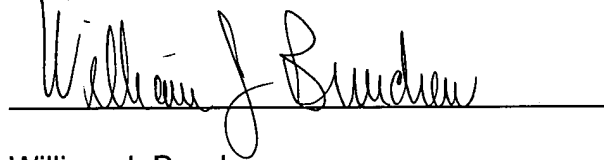
Applicant hereby elects Group I claims drawn to a method for obtaining transgenic plants. After canceling claim 32 as being a duplicate of claim 37, and withdrawing the non-elected claims, the pending claims should be claims 1, 17, 27, 37, 47, 57, and 67.

In view of this restriction requirement, applicant retains the right to present claims 74, 80, 91, 93, 98, 99, 103-107, 127, 128, and 129 in one or more divisional applications.

In light of the previous indication of allowability of claims 1, 17, 27, 37, 47, 57, and 67, applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees that may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-4650. A duplicate copy of this form is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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I hereby certify that this response and extension of time are being deposited with the United States Postal Service for Express Mail delivery to the Commissioner For Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

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12 Feb 2004
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